



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 6919**

January Session, 2015



**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE CONCERNING OUTCOMES-BASED FINANCING.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force  
2       to develop a strategic outcomes-based plan for financing higher  
3       education that shall be aligned with the goals and benchmarks for  
4       higher education recommended by the Planning Commission for  
5       Higher Education in accordance with section 10a-11b of the general  
6       statutes. The task force shall consider the interrelationships among  
7       state appropriations, tuition and student financial aid in developing  
8       such plan. Such plan shall include base funding of public institutions  
9       of higher education, an investment fund for public institutions of  
10      higher education and performance-based funding of public and  
11      independent institutions of higher education. For purposes of  
12      developing the performance-based funding component of such plan,  
13      the task force shall examine performance-based funding models,  
14      including, but not limited to, models implemented in other states, and  
15      consider the following objectives: (1) Rewarding public and  
16      independent institutions of higher education for (A) increasing the  
17      number of degrees awarded to residents of the state, including, but not  
18      limited to, degrees awarded (i) in areas with workforce shortages, and  
19      (ii) to students from underrepresented populations, and (B) increasing  
20      business activity in the state through research; and (2) rewarding

21 public institutions of higher education for improving their  
22 productivity, which may be measured in part by decreasing the cost of  
23 earning a degree. For purposes of this subsection, "investment fund"  
24 means an account that shall fund projects and programs proposed by  
25 the public institutions of higher education that (A) meet criteria  
26 developed by the Planning Commission for Higher Education, in  
27 consultation with the president of the Board of Trustees for The  
28 University of Connecticut, the Office of the Governor and the  
29 chairpersons of the joint standing committees of the General Assembly  
30 having cognizance of matters relating to higher education and  
31 appropriations, and (B) are in alignment with the goals and  
32 benchmarks for higher education recommended by the Planning  
33 Commission for Higher Education and adopted by the General  
34 Assembly in accordance with section 10a-11b of the general statutes.

35 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

36 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,  
37 who shall be faculty members of the Connecticut State University  
38 System;

39 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, who  
40 shall be faculty members of the regional community-technical college  
41 system;

42 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
43 Representatives, who shall be a faculty member of The University of  
44 Connecticut;

45 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall be  
46 a representative of an organization representing faculty,  
47 administrators and staff of the regional community-technical college  
48 system;

49 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
50 Representatives, who shall be a faculty member of Charter Oak State  
51 College;

52 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be  
53 a faculty member of an independent institution of higher education;

54 (7) The president of the Board of Regents for Higher Education, or  
55 the president's designee;

56 (8) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the  
57 secretary's designee;

58 (9) The president of The University of Connecticut, or the  
59 president's designee;

60 (10) A representative of the Connecticut State University System,  
61 who shall be appointed by the Board of Regents for Higher Education;

62 (11) A representative of the regional community-technical college  
63 system, who shall be appointed by the Board of Regents for Higher  
64 Education;

65 (12) The president of Charter Oak State College, or the president's  
66 designee;

67 (13) The president of the Connecticut Conference of Independent  
68 Colleges, or the president's designee;

69 (14) The chairperson of the Planning Commission for Higher  
70 Education, or the chairperson's designee; and

71 (15) The chairpersons of the joint standing committees of the  
72 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher  
73 education and appropriations, or the chairpersons' designees.

74 (c) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than  
75 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be  
76 filled by the appointing authority.

77 (d) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president  
78 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force

79 from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall  
80 schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not  
81 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

82 (e) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the  
83 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher  
84 education shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

85 (f) Not later than January 1, 2016, the task force shall submit a report  
86 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee  
87 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
88 higher education, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of  
89 the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it  
90 submits such report or January 1, 2016, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**

In Section 1(a) "and adopted by the General Assembly" was deleted in the first sentence for accuracy and, in Section 1, Subsec. (c) was deleted and the remaning subsections were relettered accordingly for accuracy.

**HED**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*